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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 303

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 31-9-2-89, AS AMENDED BY P.L.138-2007, SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 89. (a) "Person", for purposes of **IC 31-19-19** and the juvenile law, means:

- (1) a human being;
- (2) a corporation;
- (3) a limited liability company;
- (4) a partnership;
- (5) an unincorporated association; or
- (6) a governmental entity.

(b) "Person", for purposes of section 44.5 of this chapter, means an adult or a minor.

(c) "Person", for purposes of IC 31-27, means an individual who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age, a corporation, a partnership, a voluntary association, or other entity.

(d) "Person", for purposes of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act under IC 31-21, has the meaning set forth in IC 31-21-2-13.

SECTION 2. IC 31-19-19-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: **Sec. 0.5. (a) This section does not apply to a confidential intermediary appointed under IC 31-19-24.**

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(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) or (d), a person that is required to store, maintain, or release adoption records or other adoption information under IC 31-19-12-5, IC 31-19-17, IC 31-19-18, this chapter, or IC 31-19-20 through IC 31-19-25 shall store and maintain the adoption records or other adoption information for at least ninety-nine (99) years after the date the adoption was filed. Unless otherwise provided by law, the adoption records or other adoption information may be stored and maintained in an electronic or other format, including microfiche, microfilm, or a digital format.

(c) A person who transfers adoption records or other adoption information to the state registrar or a transferee agency in accordance with IC 31-19-12-5 is not required to comply with the storage or maintenance requirements of subsection (b).

(d) A person, including a court, who obtains custody of or jurisdiction over adoption records or other adoption information following the dissolution, sale, transfer, closure, relocation, or death of a person shall transfer the records or other information to the state registrar or a transferee agency in accordance with IC 31-19-12-5, unless the person wishes to store and maintain the records in accordance with subsection (b).

SECTION 3. IC 31-19-27-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: **Sec. 1.5. The department shall consider a child who is two (2) years of age or older a hard to place child for determining eligibility for state adoption subsidies.**

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